REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1, 5, 6, and 8-10 are pending and have been rejected by the Examiner. Accordingly, claims 1, 5, 6, and 8-10 are presented and at issue. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1, 5, 6, and 8-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1, 5, 6, and 8-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the necessary structural connections.

Claim 1 has been amended to specifically recite that an intermediate document exists in the navigation between the source document and the target document.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that the concern in the Office Action that the target document and the intermediate document could be the same document.

Furthermore, Applicants disagree with the statement in the Office Action that "if the "target document no longer exists, then the destination document no longer exists." Claim 1 specifically recites that the destination document is saved. Even if the target does not exist, the saved destination document <u>could</u> exist. For example, assume a user saves a copy of web page to their computer. Even if the web page is removed from the web, the user can still access their saved copy of the page. Indeed, this is a major feature of the present invention. Even if the target (or an intermediate document) is no longer present (including the "back navigation" path it used to contain), because the destination is linked to the source document, the source can still be found from the saved document.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 5, 6, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,665,659 to Logan, (hereinafter Logan) and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,470,349 to Heninger et al. (hereinafter Heninger).

Claims 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Logan and in further view Heninger, as applied to claims 1 and 5 above, and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,006,217 to Lumsden, (hereinafter Lumsden).

Claim 1 has been amended to specifically recite that the navigation path includes a source document, an intermediate document and a target document. Support for the amendments may be found, for example, Fig. 1 and the accompanying text. As can be seen from Fig. 1, the source document 50 is linked to an intermediate document 55. The intermediate document 55 is linked to a target document 60.

The Office Action asserts that the Xpointer of Logan (Col. 5, 41-45) teaches allowing a client to return to a source document when the intermediate document no longer exists. Applicants respectfully disagree.

The Xpointer of Logan refers to only pointing to a portion of a document. If that document no longer exists, there is no provision in Logan for allowing the target document to a source document. Accordingly, Logan does not teach or suggest the invention as claimed in recited in amended claim 1.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is therefore respectfully requested.

If a communication with Applicant's Attorneys would assist in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned so that any such issues may be promptly resolved.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 09-0441. In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time that is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above-identified Deposit Account.

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